

NEW YORK'S "FOUR HUNDRED" IS RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING

Death, Divorce and Newly Made Fortunes Rapidly Disrupting Gotham's Inner Social Circle Made Famous By Ward McAllister—Price of Human Life Increasing—Now \$500—Revival of Duelling in Heart of City—New York, World's Greatest Gambling Resort and Smallest—Hetty Green No Longer Country's First Business Woman.

New York, Nov. 6.—That the aristocratic "four hundred" of this city, first made famous under this title by the late Ward McAllister, is rapidly disappearing to give way to a newer aristocracy founded on lines as yet to be determined is the greatest social development which New York has known for many years. Unwelcome as such a possibility may be to the residents of upper Fifth avenue, happenings of the last year have accentuated the passing of the old order to an extent which has caused widespread alarm among the members of the "400." Divorce and death have been equally active in this tearing-down process, to which the late prominence of men of recently acquired wealth has also contributed. Various happenings during the last twelve months have caused such schisms among the close corporation of New York's elect society as to indicate the early passing of the famous "400." The marital troubles of the Gould family, the rumored separation of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., are only examples of the influences which are splitting New York's elect society into all sorts of warring clans. On top of all this comes the divorce suit of the J. J. Astors; Mrs. Astor having been considered for many years the natural successor of the late Mrs. Wm. Astor as the leader of society here. Almost every week sees a remarkable depletion of the famous Fifth Avenue colony. Within the last few weeks announcement has been made of the sale of the Yerkes house, as well as of the Whitney residence, and hardly a day goes by without some similar happening indicative of the passing of the once famous "400" which for some years has really been only a myth. Whether the remaining members of the original social aristocracy will depart to make their homes elsewhere, or will accept the new order of things remains to be seen, but the fact remains that the "four hundred" famous the country over is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

Price of Life.
Like everything else in New York, human life has its price, and like everything else that price has been steadily rising of late. Revelations coming as a result of the recent election have not only brought to light the current quotations on murder and lesser assaults, but have also revealed the existence of various gangs which earn their livelihood by killing and maiming. According to these figures the charge of murdering an ordinary person is one hundred dollars. For the death of a gang leader, surrounded by his followers, the price as a result of the increased danger, is naturally greater, amounting to \$500. The most expensive luxury of all, however, is the sending to prison of a member of a gang who is rightly or wrongly accused of beating up a rival leader. The current charge for this accomplishment is \$1,000. These prices are all nearly double those of six months ago but on the word of one eminent east side authority they should come down shortly, now that election is over. The price of minor services in the same general field has remained fairly constant, the latest quotations being \$75 for a stabbing, \$50 for beating with brass knuckles, \$15 for punching, together with one razor stroke or one blow with a blackjack, and \$5 for a plain beating up with hands or feet, or both. There are to-day a number of gangs with several hundred members, whose services are available at these figures, according to police authority. The best known are the "Monk Eastmans," the "Humpty Jacksons," the "Paul Kellys," and the "Kid Twists," all of these are outgrowths of a quarter of a century ago when the "Gas House Gang" and the "Whyos" made life unsafe for any respectable citizen who ventured within their territory. The majority of members are youths under twenty-five years of age, since for a number of reasons they are not likely to live to any advanced age.

Some Noted Duels.
While Paris has but recently been stirred by a duel between a leading critic and one of its foremost dra-

matists, in which the latter "forgot to discharge his pistol," after having been missed by his opponent; and while Cuba has been highly wrought up over a revolver duel between two of the prominent officers of its government in which eight shots were exchanged without injury, New York has just been treated to a duelling revival in which bullets and swords both reached their marks resulting in several constructive deaths. The revival of duelling frowned upon even so long ago as during the days of the revolution, took place on the grounds of Columbia University in the heart of the city. Two students, cool, but grim and determined, faced each other at a distance of twenty yards with loaded duelling pistols. At the word the two adversaries fired simultaneously. One was struck above the eye, the other just over the heart. Each was killed instantly, that is according to the rules of the combat. The deaths were only theoretical, however, since the bullets were made of wax and the combatants protected by masks and coats. Several other duels followed in which serious though not mortal wounds were inflicted, much to the edification of the large gathering of spectators. Altogether the first duels which have taken place in New York for many years proved such a success that the new sport promises to make this city the duelling center of the country.

The Greatest Gambling Resort.
Though Monte Carlo is generally looked upon as the greatest gambling place in the world, it really comes nowhere being in the class of New York in this respect—that is, unless a distinction is made between risking money in the games of chance played in the foreign city and on stocks which form the chief basis of speculation here. Not only does the daily amount risked here far exceed the yearly income of the gaming tables of the principality of Monaco, but so keen is the local gambling instinct that a stake may be risked, which simply because of its minuteness would not be accepted at Monte Carlo. One may win or lose anywhere from millions of dollars to three cents in a single stock speculation here. The regular Stock Exchange grades fluctuations in prices by eights, but on the curb a sixteenth of one point has in the past been sufficient to cause selling and buying. This week, however, a new record was set when numerous transactions were recorded in mining stocks at a change of only one-thirtieth of one point in the quoted price. As many of these stocks have a par value of only one dollar, the profit or loss on each share would be on this basis only three cents. When it is remembered that many sell for only a few cents on the dollar, involving on each share a microscopic profit or loss, it becomes apparent that New Yorkers are not only the greatest speculators on earth, but the smallest as well.

Wealthiest Woman in the World.
Hetty Green, long famous as the world's greatest business woman as well as the wealthiest woman in this country, will now have to relinquish both titles. The death of E. H. Harriman made his widow to whom he left all his property in his famous 99-year will wealthier than even Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Harriman's decision to open an office in which she will administer this property herself makes her the most important feminine figure in the business world today. While Harriman's personal fortune was estimated at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000, the interests over which Mrs. Harriman will exercise control total, it is stated, more than \$1,000,000,000. While she will not of course occupy a position in any of the directorates of her late husband's interests, Mrs. Harriman will nevertheless, through her representatives on these boards exert an active influence in so many different ways that Hetty Green's operations will in comparison seem very small.

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NEW MEXICO NEWS

Roumaldo Vasquez was arrested in the Capitan mountains for turning the sheep of Fritz Brinck loose. A warrant for a similar offense has been also issued for Francisco Rodriguez.

The Southland Life Insurance company of Dallas, Texas, has been admitted to do business in New Mexico by Insurance Commissioner Jacobo Chavez. It is a new company that commenced business on March 27, 1909, with capital and surplus of \$300,000 each.

In the district court for Santa Fe county yesterday, Judge McElfee granted a divorce to Mrs. J. E. Wood of that city from J. E. Wood, an employee of the Santa Fe postoffice. No alimony had been asked in the petition and none was therefore granted. This case caused a mild sensation in the capital.

Incorporation papers were filed yesterday in the office of Territorial Secretary Nathan Jaffa by the Bloomington Investment company of Albuquerque, Bernalillo county. E. W. Dobson is named as the New Mexico agent. The incorporators and directors are: E. W. Dobson, 10 shares; Thomas K. D. Maddison, 5 shares; Claude Hutto 5 shares, all of Albuquerque. The capitalization is divided into \$30,000 divided into 300 shares.

The irrigation season under the reclamation project of the government at Carlsbad, N. M., came to an end this week. Although the driest season on record and despite the protracted drought of midsummer, there has been ample water in the reservoir for the irrigation of lands under the project, the run of water having started March 15 last. This project has been shown by this season's experience to be one of the most successful conducted by the reclamation service.

The trial of the new Lindsey well at Portales, N. M., which was drilled to test the underflow for irrigation, shows it will pump 1,000 gallons a minute, and scores of other wells will be put down at once. Contracts are being signed to put 12,000 acres of land in the Portales valley under irrigation, where heretofore only dry farming has been possible. This will mean another influx of homeseekers into that rich section of Roosevelt county. Investigation by the geological survey has shown that there is a practically inexhaustible supply of water under the whole Portales valley, which is a great sunken basin in the eastern part of Roosevelt county.

Attorney General F. W. Clancy has decided, that the mileage in transporting juvenile prisoners to the Springer reform school, must be taken from the court funds of the county in which the prisoner is sentenced. The statute makes no provision for the delivery of the prisoners, but the fund for the delivery of prisoners to the penitentiary cannot be used, nor can the fund for the general maintenance of the reform school, so that each county must pay the mileage from its own court funds. The bill of Sheriff Cicero Stewart for \$104, for the delivery of Cliff Falk, the first prisoner to the institution, will come out of the district court funds of Eddy county.

Governor Curry has appointed the following delegates to the National Farm Land congress, in Chicago, beginning November 16 and continuing five days: D. J. McCanne, Fort Sumner; L. M. Disney, Fort Sumner; M. R. Baker, Sunnyside; A. M. Hove, I. S. Osborne, Carlsbad; Gale Talbot, William Dooley, Artesia; T. J. Mol-

inari, Portales; Charles A. Scheuchrich, Clovis; A. B. Stroup, H. B. Henning, Albuquerque; Ralph C. Ely, Daming; Oscar Snow, James M. Sackley, Las Cruces; J. N. Cunningham, Harry Kelly, D. T. Hoskins, R. E. Twissell, George A. Fleming, East Las Vegas; J. D. Hand, Los Alamos; M. N. Mikewell, Springer; George H. Webster, Cimarron; James I. Cowan, Maxwell; Howell Ernest, Clayton.

One of the biggest power projects ever started in New Mexico is under way at High Rolls near Alamogordo. The Alamogordo Water Power company is building a plant which will utilize the water from a mountain stream through a pipe line to generate 5,000-horsepower for lighting a big hotel and cottage colony at High Rolls, in the Sacramento mountains, for furnishing the towns of Alamogordo and Tularosa with light and power and supplying power for irrigation pumping plants all through the fertile Tularosa valley. A hundred men will be put at work on the project next week. The big stone hotel and 100 cottages at the new High Rolls resort are going up rapidly and will be ready for occupation next May.

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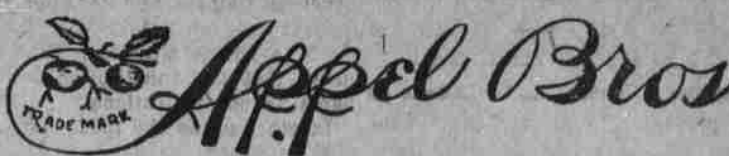
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